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SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to renew my motion that we meet this Friday and I said that if we meet this Friday I will not ask you to meet another Friday this particular session.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I'd like to support Senator Whitney's motion but I won't promise that I won't ask to meet again on Friday the next time--unless there's a good reason not to meet why, let's meet on Friday.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, very quickly I'd like to support Senator Whitney. I don't think it's fair to our staff who have to get these bills in proper form across the board, etc. to wait until the last minute and give them 150 bills in one big shot. I think we ought to get some more bills off of General File, the noncontroversial ones, hopefully and so our staff isn't overworked and killed at the last crush here with a heart attack.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, did you have any comments on that? You did mention something to me previously. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The Speaker and I discussed in the meeting with the Executive Council that we make a suggestion to this body that we meet Thursday at 8:00 in the morning, we recess from 12:00 to 1:00 and then we adjourn until Monday at 10:00 a.m. and we confine ourselves entirely in the general area of noncontroversial bills. It would be my opinion if we did that we could probably get at least 30 off of there. Now bear in mind on General File, we only have about 100 bills up there now--there's some in the committees--this body has made a lot of progress, with all the debate, this is still the--we've made a lot of progress and there's no reason why we can't get out of here before the 90 days expired. So I only offer that as a suggestion to amend Senator Whitney's amendment. Now I realize a lot of Senators don't have much else to do and to that extent they have a point and I don't know--this is a difficult thing that comes up every week probably but I think if you don't adopt this we ought to find out how many Senators are going to be here Friday. There are a number of Senators who are in Washington and I don't presume they will be back for Friday. I do not know that but I don't think they will be. And we've also, as I understand, put over the budget bill to the first of the week so we can spend all of our time if we so desire in order to move those bills and we can fit them on materially if you desire to meet at those hours. So I move to amend Senator Whitney's motion that when we adjourn, we recess and we adjourn until 8:00 tomorrow morning, we stay in session until noon and when we recess we recess until 1:00 and then when we adjourn on Thursday we adjourn until Monday morning.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, Senator Marvel's not here but as I recall he's planning on having a budget meeting tomorrow noon at which time we eat our lunch--oh, I see him over there now--Senator Marvel, isn't it true that the budget committee wanted to meet tomorrow at noon until 2:00?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, but we can still--we'll either meet the extra--get excused for an hour or work around that schedule some way or else get excused at 11:00 or something like that, that's all right.